**ABSOLUTE RATING: Good** 

**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Unsatisfactory

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 92.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

## **RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD**

Absolute Rating Good

Improvement Rating

2001 2002

2003 2004 Unsatisfactory

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

# PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS

Our School

Schools With Students Like Ours









**Mathematics** 

English/ Language Arts

**Mathematics** 

English/ Language Arts

**Advanced** 







**Below Basic** 

## **DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:**

- Advanced Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient Student performance met expectations.
- Basic Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
	English/			Social
Student Group	Language Arts	Math	Science	Studies
All students (n=284)	83.8	68.3	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than				
Speech (n=21)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=263)	86.7	71.1		
Gender				
Male (n=133)	78.9	68.4		
Female (n=151)	88.1	68.2		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=110)	70.9	50		
Hispanic (n=10)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=158)	92.4	80.4		
Other (n=6)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=167)	78.4	59.3		
Pay for lunch (n=109)	91.7	83.5		

# **SCHOOL PROFILE** INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
Dollars spent per student	\$3,610	N/A	\$5,417	\$5,347
<ul> <li>Prime instructional time</li> </ul>	90.3%	Down from 90.6	% 90.2%	90.2%
<ul> <li>Student-teacher ratio in core subjects</li> </ul>	18.8 to 1	N/A	18.4 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=638)				
Attendance Rate	95.4%	Down from 95.9		96.2%
<ul> <li>Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level</li> </ul>	0%	N/A	5.3%	4.1%
<ul> <li>Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade leve</li> </ul>	0% I	N/A	3.6%	3.1%
<ul> <li>First graders who attended full day kindergarten</li> </ul>	98.3%	Up from 87.6%	96.9%	96.3%
<ul> <li>Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retention rate TEACHERS (n=43)	7.6%	Up from 5.1%	4.3%	3.6%
<ul> <li>Professional Development days per teacher</li> </ul>	9.2 Days	Up from 7	7.4 Days	7.6 days
Attendance Rate	96.1%	Up from 95.7%	95.3%	95.1%
<ul> <li>Teachers with advanced degrees</li> </ul>	37.2%	Down from 39%	45.1%	47.7%
Continuing contract teachers	65.1%	Down from 73.2	% 83.8%	83.8%
<ul> <li>Teachers with out-of-field permits</li> </ul>	0%	Down from 2.4%	0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from the previous school year	77.7%	Down from 88.2	% 87.3%	87.2%
Average teacher salary	\$33,797	Up 0.7%	\$36,883	\$37,520

## **SCHOOL FACTS**

		Change From	Schools with Students	Median Elementary
	ur School	Last Year	like ours	School
SCHOOL				
<ul> <li>Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries</li> </ul>	63.3%	N/A	65.6%	65.3%
<ul> <li>Principal's years at the school</li> </ul>	6	N/A	3.5	4.0
<ul> <li>Parents attending conferences</li> </ul>	86.2%	N/A	95.8%	95.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
<ul> <li>On academic plans</li> </ul>	92%	Up from 45.6%	49.9%	43.1%
<ul> <li>On academic probation</li> </ul>	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
<ul> <li>Older than usual for grade</li> </ul>	3.3%	Up from 0.4%	1.5%	1.1%
<ul> <li>Suspended or expelled</li> </ul>	1	N/A	1	1
<ul> <li>Gifted and talented</li> </ul>	8.7%	Down from 11.5%	6 9%	11.5%
<ul> <li>With disabilities other than speech</li> </ul>	9.1%	Up from 9%	9.1%	8.4%



# PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Boulder Bluff Elementary School, located in Goose Creek, serves 660 students in Child Development through fifth grade. Boulder Bluff Elementary, fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, is an Exemplary Writing School and an Arts in Basic Curriculum site.

Our students have participated in many extra-curricular activities, placing in the Greater Goose Creek Spelling Bee, participating in the Scripts Regional Spelling Bee, winning the "Wild Tales" Post and Courier Essay Contest, representing the district in the state writing conference and being awarded the Champions of Democracy Award for participation in Kids Voting. We were delighted to host the STEP Music and Dance programs.

Boulder Bluff Elementary provides programs to accelerate student learning, such as the Early Success Reading Program, T.A.S.K. Reading Program, No-Fail Saturday Program, CCC computer-assisted instruction and the Lightspan Education CD-ROM/Playstation Program. Academic Assistance Compacts are written for each child scoring below the twenty-fifth percentile, as required by the Accountability Act. The Cunningham Literacy Model is fully implemented and supported by the Accelerated Reading Program and the Star Reading Inventory.

Our 2000 PACT scores showed an increase from the previous year in the number of students scoring at or above basic. In third grade 13% more students scored at/above basic in both English/language arts and math. In fourth grade 11% more students also scored at/above basic in both English/language arts and math. In fifth grage 9% more scored at/above basic in English/language arts and 7% in math.

To meet our goal of enhancing student achievement through parent and community participation, we invite parents and students to "Meet the Teacher" prior to the beginning of school, attend the Back-to-School Bash, the Annual Great Community Cookout, SMART Parents and Family Reading Nights. The Goose Creek Rotary and Goose Creek Police mentoring programs, as well as active business partnerships, bring the community into the school and put wonderful adult role models in touch with our students.

Kathleen Williamson, Principal

### **EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

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Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	84.1	74.7	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	74.4	81.2	
Satisfied with home-school relations	54.5	91.1	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

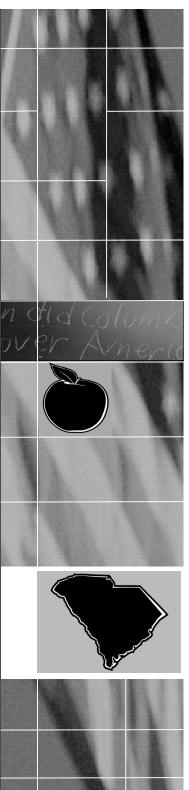
Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.



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**Grades** K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 638 Students

Principal

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Annual School		2001
Report Card		2001

School Grade: Average

## South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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